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1. On 29 September 1950 the Glider Section of the FDJ headquarters held a meeting in Potsdam at which the following matters were discussed:
  - a. Recruiting of experienced glider pilots, meteorologists, and designers;
  - b. Construction of a new two-seater glider;
  - c. The initiation of theoretical training for glider instructors to begin on 15 October 1950 in Baerenklau/Velten (N 53/Z 66). Additional courses of instruction are planned for the coming year.
2. It was learned from a leading municipal official in Stralsund (N 55/P 44) in October 1950 that glider groups have been organized within the FDJ. Glider model construction groups exist in Ribnitz (N 55/P 03) and Cottbus (N 52/A 57). The official mentioned furthermore that glider trainers and instructors were urgently needed. He also stated that two or three gliders as well as models had been built at the Bodden Shipyard in Puetnitz (N 55/P 13), for the national FDJ rally (Deutschland Treffen). This shipyard was scheduled to resume production of gliders in quantity in the near future.
3. One Emil Frost, formerly burgomaster of Stralsund, is said to be playing a leading role in the organization of the new air force. Frost is reported to have been a pilot with the rank of sergeant during the war, had been a member of the National Committee for a Free Germany, and has been in Peenemuende (N 55/P 83) for the past year.
4. In a circular dated 26 or 28 October 1950 and sent by the FDJ sub-district headquarters in Zerbst (N 52/D 90) to all FDJ groups, it was directed that groups for the construction of model gliders and ships be organized under FDJ and Pioneer leaders. It was promised that necessary building materials as well as instruction material and designs for the building of models would be delivered when needed.
5. It was learned on 6 November 1950 that Gustl Huebner, ex-glider pilot and flight instructor in the German Air Force, was the leader of the glider section of the FDJ organization in Magdeburg (N 53/Y 60). Huebner is said to have stated that the FDJ glider training was being conducted in groups of 100 students at the FDJ glider field in Damgarten (N 55/P 13) which is now completely repaired. Meise and Grunau-Baby gliders are being used. About 90 percent of the members

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of the FDJ glider groups are Volkspolizei personnel who joined the FDJ voluntarily or had been assigned by VP detachments. The head-quarters for the VP glider students is located in Oranienburg (N 53/2 67).

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6. According to [ ] source, Walter Ulbricht inspected the installation and the students at Damgarten at which time he made the following statement to the students there: "You are not only permitted by the Soviets to fly, but you must fly for the U.S.S.R. if she calls you."

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